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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Federal Jobs Oppor-
5 tunity Act".

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 33 of title
3 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-
4 tion 3309 the following:

5 **“§ 3309a. Welfare recipients; examinations; addi-**
6 **tional points for**

7 “(a) For purposes of this section—

8 “(1) the term ‘welfare recipient’ means an indi-
9 vidual receiving any welfare benefit, including, in the
10 case of any welfare benefit furnished with respect to
11 a family, household, or other similar unit, individ-
12 uals identified in accordance with provisions which
13 shall be prescribed under subsection (e); and

14 “(2) the term ‘welfare benefit’ means any of the
15 following:

16 “(A) Assistance under a State program
17 funded under part A of title IV of the Social
18 Security Act.

19 “(B) Supplemental security income bene-
20 fits under title XVI of the Social Security Act.

21 “(C) Benefits under the food stamp pro-
22 gram (as defined in section 3(h) of the Food
23 Stamp Act of 1977.

24 “(D) Food assistance (including commod-
25 ities) distributed to low-income individuals

1 under any program for which Federal financial
2 assistance is provided.

3 “(E) Assistance provided under the Na-
4 tional School Lunch Act and the Child Nutri-
5 tion Act of 1966, including the special supple-
6 mental nutrition program for women, infants,
7 and children under section 17 of such Act.

8 “(F) Services for the benefit of low-income
9 individuals provided under any program for
10 which Federal financial assistance is provided.

11 “(G) Housing assistance under a program
12 administered by the Secretary of Housing and
13 Urban Development or the Secretary of Agri-
14 culture under which eligibility is determined
15 based on the income of the family applying (ex-
16 cluding assistance under any mortgage insur-
17 ance or loan guarantee program).

18 “(b) An individual who receives a passing grade in
19 an examination for entrance into the competitive service,
20 and, on the date of taking such examination or at any
21 time within the 14-day period immediately preceding such
22 date, is a welfare recipient, is entitled to 3 additional
23 points above the rating earned by such individual.

24 “(c) If, besides the additional points under subsection
25 (b), an individual would also be entitled to any number

1 of additional points (above the rating earned by such indi-
2 vidual) on the same examination under any other author-
3 ity, the additional points under subsection (b) shall be in
4 addition to the additional points to which such individual
5 would otherwise have been entitled if this section had not
6 been enacted.

7 “(d) Any entitlement of an individual to additional
8 points under subsection (b) in connection with a particular
9 examination shall terminate—

10 “(1) upon the termination of the individual’s
11 entitlement to welfare benefits (or within such rea-
12 sonable period thereafter as may be provided for
13 under subsection (e)); or

14 “(2) if later, upon the expiration of the 12-
15 month period beginning on the date of the examina-
16 tion.

17 Paragraph (2) shall not apply if the welfare benefits are
18 terminated by reason of fraud or for other similar reasons.

19 “(e) The Office of Personnel Management shall pre-
20 scribe any regulations necessary to carry out this section.
21 Such regulations shall include provisions relating to—

22 “(1) how an individual may demonstrate that
23 such individual qualifies for being considered a wel-
24 fare recipient for purposes of this section; and

1 “(2) procedures under which the Office, an ap-
2 pointing authority, or another official or agency shall
3 be notified in the event of a termination of welfare
4 benefits.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
6 ter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by insert-
7 ing after the item relating to section 3309 the following:
 “3309a. Welfare recipients; examinations; additional points for.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply as soon as practicable, but in no
10 event later than with respect to examinations held after
11 the end of the 6-month period beginning on the date of
12 the enactment of this Act.

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